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MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment, filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination, also serves as a full and timely response to the Advisory Action dated February 28, 2006. Prior to continued examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 5 of this paper.